

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Steven Paolini; Gerard Harbers; Wayne L. Snyder
Assignee: Lumileds Lighting U.S. LLC
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated September 3, 2003.

Note that the office action was sent to an incorrect address at SKJERVEN MORRILL LLP. That firm is no longer in existence. A power of attorney and change of address was submitted to the Patent Office on September 11, 2002 requesting all correspondence be sent to Patent Law Group LLP, 2635 North First Street, Suite 223, San Jose, CA 95134-2049.

REMARKS

The examiner rejected Claims 1, 2, 15 and 16 as being obvious over the combination of Bruning (U.S. 2002/0070914 A1) in view of Hayashi (U.S. 2002/0015297 A1) further in view of Yoshihara (U.S. 6,115,016) further in view of Fullmer (U.S. 5,406,268) further in view of Kitai (U.S. 2002/0163606).

In Applicants' response to the previous office action, Applicants overcame the rejection of Claims 1, 2, 15, and 16 over the combination of Bruning, Hayashi, and Yoshihara. In the present office action the examiner stated that the Bruning/Hayashi/Yoshihara "combination fail to disclose the required light directing means and light/filter structure."